

GALATIANS 4:1-6 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FROM SLAVES TO SONS - ([SERMON MP3](#))

1.) Galatians 3:26-4:7 addresses the idea of Christians being sons of God. What was your relationship with your parents (i.e., distant, close, antagonistic, loving, formal, personal, taxing, healing)? How does your relationship with your parents influence your view of God as Father, and you as a son?²

2.) A conversation with a neighbor turns to spiritual things. At one point your neighbor exclaims, “Well, I believe we’re all children of God. He created us all and loves us all, whether we’re Christian, Jewish, Hindu, or Muslim.”³ How would you respond, taking into consideration the truths expressed in Galatians 3:26-4:7?

3.) Through the Son we receive a new status and become God’s children legally (Gal.4:4-5), but through the Spirit we become God’s children experientially (Gal. 4:6-7).

- ☼ *What does it mean that God has adopted you? How does the Holy Spirit confirm this fact in your life?*

- ☼ *Adoption is something you experience as well as understand. How are both of those truths important to you in your Christian journey? What practical difference should this biblical truth make in your life?*

- ☼ *How can you meditate on the Son’s work more, and ask the Spirit to work on your affections more?*

- ☼ *What does it mean to you to call God your Father or your Daddy (Abba)?*

4.) In which area of your life do you most struggle to remember that you’re clothed with Christ (Gall. 3:27)? What difference would it make to practice the presence of Christ?

5.) Galatians 3:28 surfaces some barriers that separate and segregate people. What barriers divide people in the area where you live?

- ☼ *Differences of race, social standing and gender obviously exist among Christians. What should be our attitude toward these natural differences? How should Gal. 3:28 inform our view?*

- ☼ *How are barriers broken down within your church; and what do you do to help this?⁴*

- ☼ *Where would you like to see oneness in Christ more of a reality, and what can you do to help it happen?*

